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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

ASCENTRA HOLDINGS, INC. (in Official Liquidation),

Debtor in a Foreign Proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

Case No. 21-11854-dsj

Chapter 15

## DECLARATION OF ANDREW JOHNSTONE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF SHANG PENG GAO KE INC. SEZC AND SPGK PTE LTD. PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 1522(c) TO TERMINATE RESTRAINT

- I, Andrew Johnstone, to the best of my information and belief, state as follows:
- 1. I am a partner with the law firm Harney Westwood & Riegels ("<u>Harneys</u>") in its Cayman Islands office. I was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2004. I am admitted to practice in the Cayman Islands and certain other common law jurisdictions.
- 2. I am the head of Harneys' Litigation, Insolvency, and Restructuring group in the Cayman Islands.

The Debtor's company registration number is 283719. The Debtor's registered office is c/o JTC (Cayman) Ltd., 94 Solaris Avenue, Second Floor, Camana Bay, PO Box 30745, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, KY1-1203.

- 3. Harneys represents Shang Peng Gao Ke Inc. SEZC ("SPGK Cayman") and SPGK Pte Ltd ("SPGK Singapore", and together with SPGK Cayman, "SPGK") and acts as Cayman Islands counsel and global coordinating counsel for matters concerning SPGK and the Joint Official Liquidators ("JOLs") of Ascentra Holdings, Inc. ("Ascentra").
- 4. I am competent to testify and, except as otherwise indicated, all facts set forth in this declaration are based on my personal experience and knowledge, and my review of relevant documents. To the extent that statements in this declaration are of my own legal opinion, they represent my views and understanding of the Cayman Islands' laws as a practicing Cayman Islands attorney.
- 5. I submit this declaration in support of the *Motion of Shang Peng Gao Ke Inc. SEZC and SPGK Pte Ltd. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1522(c) to Terminate Restraint* (the "Motion").<sup>2</sup>
- 6. On September 23, 2021, the JOLs filed a Joint Official Liquidators Certificate of Solvency (CWR Form No. 13) (the "Solvency Certificate), certifying that Ascentra "should be treated as solvent, for the purposes of section 110 (4) of the Companies Act and CWR Orders 8 and 9." A copy of the Solvency Certificate is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 7. Consistent with the Cayman Islands Companies Act and Companies Winding Up Rules, the JOLs solicited contributories only to join Ascentra's liquidation committee. A copy of the JOLs' letter of 14 October 2021 to contributories notifying them that they could request to join Ascentra's liquidation committee is attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- 8. On 3 November 2021, the JOLS filed a certificate, CWR Form No. 15, confirming that a liquidation committee had been constituted, on the basis of their determination

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Motion.

that Ascentra was solvent, that was made up of shareholders of Ascentra or their representatives.

A copy of that certificate is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

9. The JOLs have not commenced any proceeding in the Cayman Proceeding to determine any claim against SPGK concerning the "Cancellation Agreement" attached to Mr. Robinson's Declaration as Exhibit E.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 30, 2023

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

Andrew Johnstone